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**BOARD OF FIRE PREVENTION REGULATIONS**  
**MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING**  
**April 4, 2024 1:00 p.m.**  
**Microsoft Teams Meeting**

**The following Board Members were present:**

Larry Fisher  
Jon Davine  
Chief Arruda

John Correia  
John Cox  
Deputy Chief Edward Williams  
Alfonso Ibarreta  
Keith Pogarian  
Paul Scheiner, Ph. D.  
Kenneth Smith  
Paul Kennedy  
Patty Sheehan  
Johnathan M. Eisenberg, P.E.

Chair, BFPR  
State Fire Marshal  
Fire Chief from a community with a population of less than 25,000  
Member of the Public  
Chemical Engineer  
Deputy Chief Brockton Fire Department  
Registered Professional Mechanical Engineer  
Registered Professional Electrical Engineer  
Graduate Fire Chemist  
Blasting Association Member  
Inspector of Wires  
Building Official  
Registered Professional Fire Protection Engineer

**The following Board Members were absent:**

Patrick Ellis  
Chief Joseph Jackson

Chief Michael Newbury

Boston Fire Commissioner  
Fire Chief from a community with a population of more than 50,000  
Fire Chief from a community with a population of 25,000 to 50,000

**DFS Staffing were present:**

Matt Murray  
Mary Ann Smith  
Brian Ingram  
Glenn Rooney  
Rachel Perlman

Code Compliance Officer, Supervisor  
Code Administrator, Fire Safety Division  
Director, Division of Fire Safety  
General Counsel  
Deputy General Counsel

## **Guests were present:**

Jen Hoyt, Code Red Consultants  
Janna Serafim, Code Red Consultants  
Chief Justin Woodside  
Steve Connolly, Tesla  
Brian Hayes  
Sam Pillsbury

## **Monthly Board Meeting**

Meeting was opened at 1:04 p.m. by Larry Fisher, Chair.

Introductions, Mary Ann Smith called upon BFPR Members and DFS Staff to introduce themselves for the record.

1. Minutes from the March 7, 2024 meeting of BFPR submitted for approval.

**Motion to approve the March 7, 2024, meeting minutes made by Paul Kennedy, seconded by Paul Scheiner, Ph. D., 11 in favor. 1 abstain (John Correia, Chief Arruda) Motion Carries.**

2. The May meeting will take place in person at DFS, Stow, MA. During this meeting Tony Caputo will be recognized for his years of dedication and service by the BFPR and the Marshal.

## **New Business**

Larry Fisher will reach out to David Riquinha, **Chair** of the BBRS to discuss possible duplications surrounding setback. Patty Sheehan will also help start the conversation with Commissioner Wilkinson, of BCCC.

## **Old Business**

### *Committee/ Reports*

1. *Administrative Code Committee*  
*No Action*

2. *General Requirements Code Committee*
  - a. Minutes March 27, 2024

**Motion to approve minutes from March 27, 2024 made by Chief Arruda, seconded by Paul Scheiner. 11 in favor. 1 abstain (Keith Pogarian) Motion Carries.**

1. Response to Request for Interpretation for 527 CMR 1.00:10.23.1 made by Chris Lizewski on March 15, 2024.

**Motion to accept made by Alfonso Ibarreta, seconded Chief Arruda, 8 in favor, 3 not in favor (Paul Scheiner, Ken Smith, Jonathan Eisenberg) 1 abstain (Keith Pogarian). Motion carries.**

2. Response to Code Change Proposal on 527 CMR 1.00: 13.7.4.3, submitted by Jake Nunnemacher on February 26, 2024.

**Motion to accept made by Paul Kennedy, seconded by Richard Arruda. All in favor. Motion Carries.**

3. Response to Code Change Proposal submitted by Chris Towski on February 26, 2024.

- a. **Proposal 19**, 527 CMR 1.00: 11.12.3.2.4.2.1

**Motion to accept made by Richard Arruda, seconded by Paul Kennedy. All in favor. Motion Carries.**

- b. **Proposal 20**, 527 CMR 1.00: Annex 11.3.2

**Motion to accept made by Richard Arruda, seconded by Alfonso Ibarreta. All in favor. Motion Carries.**

4. Response to Code Change Proposal submitted by Chris Towski on February 29, 2024.

- a. **Proposal 23**, 527 CMR 1.00: 11.3

- b. **Proposal 24**, 527 CMR 1.00: 11.3

- c. **Proposal 25**, 527 CMR 1.00: 11.3

**Motion to accept made by Paul Kennedy, seconded by Paul Scheiner. All in favor. Motion Carries.**

5. Response to Code Change Proposal submitted by Jennifer Hoyt, P.E. on February 29, 2024.

- a. **Proposal 1**, 527 CMR 1.00: 16.2.17

- b. **Proposal 2**, 527 CMR 1.00: 16.13.4

- c. **Proposal 3**, 527 CMR 1.00: 16.24.3

- d. **Proposal 4**, 527 CMR 1.00: 16.13.4

**Motion to accept made by Paul Kennedy, seconded by Paul Scheiner. All in favor. Motion Carries.**

6. Response to Code Change Proposal submitted by Abid Anwar on February 29, 2024.

- a. **Proposal 1**, 527 CMR 1.00: 11.12.3.1.3

**Motion to accept made by Paul Kennedy, seconded by Paul Scheiner. All in favor. Motion Carries.**

3. *Occupancy Code Committee*

**No Action**

4. *Processing Code Committee*

- a. Minutes February 21, 2024

**Motion to approve minutes from February 21, 2024 made by Paul Scheiner, seconded by Richard Arruda. 11 in favor. 1 abstain (Keith Pogarian) Motion Carries.**

5. *Equipment Code Committee*

- a. Minutes February 20, 2024

**Motion to accept made by Alfonso Ibarreta, seconded by Richard Arruda. 11 in favor. 1 abstain (Keith Pogarian) Motion Carries.**

6. *Hazardous Code Committee*

**No Action**

7. *Electrical Code Committee*

a. Minutes, February 21, 2024

**Motion to approve minutes from February 21, 2024 made by Larry Fisher, seconded by Paul Kennedy. 11 in favor. 1 abstain (Keith Pogarian) Motion Carries.**

- i. Response to 527 CMR 12.00, 230.46 received from Samuel Pillsbury on February 20, 2024.

**No Action**

- ii. Response to 527 CMR 12.00, Rule 3 Christopher Polny on February 22, 2024.

**Question 1: Motion to approve response made by Larry Fisher, seconded by Paul Kennedy. All in favor. Motion Carries.**

**Question 2: Motion to approve response made by Larry Fisher, seconded by Paul Kennedy. All in favor. Motion Carries.**

- iii. Response to 527 CMR 12.00, 210.52(C)(2) received from Paul Raposo on March 5, 2024.

**No Action**

- iv. Response to 527 CMR 12.00, 215.18 & 225.42 received from Paul Raposo on March 5, 2024.

**Question 1: Motion to approve response made by Larry Fisher, seconded by Paul Kennedy. All in favor. Motion Carries.**

**Question 2: Motion to approve response made by Larry Fisher, seconded by Paul Kennedy. All in favor. Motion Carries.**

- v. Response to 527 CMR 12.00, 210.8A received from Alexander Bielunis on March 11, 2024.

**Question 1: Motion to approve response made by Larry Fisher, seconded by Paul Kennedy. All in favor. Motion Carries.**

**Question 2: Motion to approve response made by Larry Fisher, seconded by Paul Kennedy. All in favor. Motion Carries.**

- vi. Response to 527 CMR 12.00, 352.10(H) received from John Small on March 19, 2024.

**Question 1: Motion to approve response made by Larry Fisher, seconded by Paul Kennedy. All in favor. Motion Carries.**

**Question 2: Motion to approve response made by Larry Fisher, seconded by Paul Kennedy. All in favor. Motion Carries.**

8. *Massachusetts Electrical Advisory Committee*

**No Action**

9. *BFPR/BSEE Work Group*

**No Action**

10. Flame Effects Work Group

a. Minutes January 16, 2024,

**Motion to approve minutes made by Marshal Davine, seconded by Paul Kennedy. 11 in favor. 1 abstain (Keith Pogarian). Motion Carries.**

**Items not reasonably anticipated by the Chair**

**The Board plans to hold the May 4, 2024 meeting in person at DFS, Stow.**

**Adjournment**

**A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Paul Scheiner, seconded by Paul Kennedy. Motion passed unanimously. Meeting ended at 2:39 p.m.**

Approved: Larry S. Fisher Date: 5/2/24